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GOVERNING BODY (GD)

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1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY MADE PRESENTATIONS ON BOTH TOPICS REQUESTED REFTEL TO DEPARTMENTS FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND MAN-POWER FEBRUARY 10 AND WILL MAKE THIRD PRESENTATION TO INDONESIA WORKER DELEGATE FEBRUARY 15. INDONESIAN POSITION ON ISRAELI ITEM WILL INEVITABLY BE INFLUENCED BY ANY STRONG ARAB OPPOSITION MOUNTED TO BLOCK EFFORT TO TERMINATE FURTHER ACTION BY DIRECTOR GENERAL. WHILE INDONESIANS HAVE EXPRESSED SUPPORT IN PRINCIPLE TO GOALS OF SCREENING COMMITTEE, THEY WILL BE CAREFUL OF TACTICS AND STRATEGIES SO AS NOT TO OFFEND THIRD WORLD SENSITIVITIES. GOI DEPUTY MEMBER OF GB, BASRI, WHO MET HOROWITZ DURING JAKARTA VISIT, MAY WANT TO CONSULT WITH US DELEGATION. END SUMMARY.

2. IN ABSENCE OF MORE SENIOR OFFICER IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS ILO, LABOR ATTACHE FEBRUARY 10 MET WITH HEAD OF SPECIALIZED AGENCIES SECTION OF DIRECTORATE OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, MR.
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KRISTIADI.

3. LABOR ATTACHE BRIEFLY REVIEWED CONVERSATION OF U.S. ILO REPRESENTATION DAN HOROWITZ WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK ON OCTOBER 22 AND MADE PRESENTATION OUTLINED REFTEL. AFTER SUBMITTING AIDE-MEMOIRE, LABOR ATTACHE URGED GOI SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE IN HAVING BOTH MEASURES APPROVED

BY GB, MOTING THEIR POTENTIALLY FAVORABLE IMPACT ON U.S. DECISION CONCERNING CONTINUATION OF OUR MEMBERSHIP IN ILO AND MINISTER MALIK'S EXPRESSION OF HOPE THAT WE NOT WITHDRAW.

4. KRISTIADI, AFTER SEVERAL QUESTIONS, PARTICULARLY ON ISSUE OF ISRAELI RESOLUTION, SAID THAT HE WOULD CAREFULLY REVIEW OUR CONVERSATION AND THE AIDE-MEMOIRE AND CONSIDER WHAT INSTRUCTIONS HE WOULD PROPOSE BE FORWARDED TO GOI AMBASSADOR IN GENEVA.

5. IN AFTERNOON MEETING WITH SECRETARY GENERAL OF DEPARTMENT OF MANPOWER, TRANSMIGRATION AND COOPERATION, GENERAL CHAIRUL BASRI, LABOR ATTACHE RECALLED TWO-HOUR MEETING OF HOROWITZ WITH MINISTER SUBROTO AND BASRI. HE THEN MADE PRESENTATION AS OUTLINED REFTEL.

6 MAJOR POINT RAISED BY BASRI WAS RELATIONSHIP OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF STANDING ORDER 17 WITH ILO CONFERENCE. (IN PAST MEETINGS WITH LABOR ATTACHE BASRI HAS EXPRESSED VIEW THAT GOVERNING BODY, CONTROLLED BY BIG INDUSTRIAL NATIONS, DOMINATES ILO.) LABOR ATTACHE ASSURED BASRI THAT INTENDED PROCEDURES FOR ADOPTING PROPOSED AMENDMENT ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ILO PROCEDURES, AND THAT APPEALS FROM DECISIONS OF SCREENING COMMITTEE CAN GO TO CONFERENCE OFFICERS.

7 ON ITEM CONCERNING ACTION ON ISRAELI RESOLUTION, BASRI, WHO WILL BE ATTENDING GB MEETING, SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO CONFIDENTIAL

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TAKE GUIDANCE FROM INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR IN GENEVA ON POSITION HE WOULD TAKE AND SUPPORT HE MIGHT PROVIDE. THE CONCEPT OF SCREENING COMMITTEE HE FELT WAS ACCEPTABLE IN PRINCIPLE, BUT HE WANTED TO SEEK MORE INFORMATION IN GENEVA ON WORDING AS WELL AS PROCEDURES AND STRATEGY FOR APPROVING CHANGE IN STANDING ORDERS.

8. IN CONCLUDING, BASRI EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR AIDE-MEMOIRE, NOTING COMPLEXITY OF ISSUES. HE SAID HE PLANS TO DEPART FOR GENEVA FEBRUARY 11 AND LOOKS FORWARD TO SEEING MR. HOROWITZ AGAIN.

9. LABOR ATTACHE WILL REPEAT DRILL WITH AGUS SUDONO, WORKER DELEGATE TO ILO AND DEPUTY MEMBER OF GOVERNING BODY, AT MEETING ARRANGED FOR FEBRUARY 15. SUDONO PLANNING TO LEAVE FOR GENEVA FEBRUARY 24. HE IS BASICALLY SYMPATHETIC WITH U.S. POSITIONS ON ILO, BUT WE ASSUME U.S. WORKER DELEGATE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH HIM IN GENEVA TO REINFORCE SUPPORT IF NECESSARY.

10. COMMENT: INDONESIAN POSITION ON ACTION CONCERNING
ANTI-ISRAELI RESOLUTION MOST LIKELY WILL BE INFLUENCED BY
ANY VIGOROUS ARAB CAMPAIGN TO BLOCK EFFORT BY DG TO TERMINATE
FURTHER ACTION. ON SCREENING COMMITTEE PROPOSAL, INDO-
NESIANS CERTAINLY SUPPORT OBJECTIVES BUT WILL BE LOOKING
AT LANGUAGE, TACTICS AND STRATEGIES LEASE LIKELY TO OFFEND
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